# CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

**Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017**

## March 2021

**When:** 7 p.m., March. 17

**Where:** Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville

**Speakers:** Chris P.

**Topics:** The Queen's Beasts

## Upcoming speakers.

March: Chris P.

April: Bill Bierly on In God We Trust

May: Show and tell. I'm looking for 5-10 people who will speak for five minutes or so on something special from their collection.

## Club auction

Send April lots to Steve B 5@columbus.rr.com - by April 12

## February winners

**Door prizes:** Steve Petty, Steve R , Diane H and Steve B

**Raffle: Diane H**

**50/50:** Pete M was not present, so the pot rolls over

## Columbus Coin Show

**When:** March. 21- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Where:** Makoy Center, Hilliard

**Admission:** CONA members get in free

## Meeting details

We're back in Room 209 at the east end of the building.

## IN GOD WE TRUST

March speaker Bill Bierly, auhor of the new book *In God We Trust: Origins of the National Motto,* will be happy to sign copies of his book at the meeting.

He will not be bringing any to sell. However the book is available for $29.50 (free shipping) from Amazon or $29.95 ($5.95 shipping) from Whitman.

## Zoom

Last month 7 members were able to attend the monthly CONA meeting virtually via Zoom. It was fun and nice to feel like we were a part of the club again. We would like to invite members to join us again this month. Steve Rayburn and I will facilitate the meeting.

We will try to have 2 views of the meeting at the same time. You can download Zoom here. https://zoom.us/download It's free to sign up and use. I have included the link to join the meeting.

Topic: CONA March meeting

Time: Mar 17, 2021 06:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting, either link will take you to the meeting.

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75537689166?pwd=dXNJMW1sS0ZLY0FNM0FLMlZEVWVnUT09

https://tinyurl.com/CONA-March-17th

It may ask for the passcode but I don't think it will.

Meeting ID: 755 3768 9166

Passcode: 9d8htu

You can sign in 15 minutes before the meeting. I'm controlling the people who are admitted so there will be no unknown people in attendance. It is a private meeting.

We hope this will help members who can't attend in person to join in.

If you have any questions you can email me at reply.2.daniel@gmail.com I will try to help anyway I can.

**Dan C**

1991 Silver Proof Korea Commemorative Silver Dollar, in original mint packaging. Tickets are $1 each; 6 for $5; 13 for $10

## Raffle

In Memoriam

# Thomas J. Campbell dies at 84

Thomas J. Campbell, 84, passed Sunday, Jan. 31. Viewing for family and friends was held Monday, Feb. 8, from 2-5pm at Schoedinger Funeral Home, 5360 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH.

Here are a few memories posted on his obituary page.

- Tommy I will miss you, but I know you are in a better place with no pains or sickness. My dear husband you were blessed for your many years of life as you came through many health issues. Each new health issue never got you down with God's amazing gift of getting you well like you didn't have any problems. We had 20 years of being together with each other and around our families, friends, and church family. We had opportunities to travel and I wish we could have had many more trips. Like you, you knew I too loved to dance and we took to the floor when were able. We both enjoyed singing and had done some duets whenever I could talk you into it. As our Pastor said at the burial. It's not goodbye but see you later. Love you ***Alicia***
- I am Wardell Chisholm, a lifelong friend of Tommy since early childhood. My heart still hurts as I think of life without talking to Tommy. Doing our youth we would hop trains, hook our sleds to buses on snowy days and other boyish stunts that often got us in trouble. I am 10 months older than Tommy, but age wasn't a factor. God blessed us with a unique bond that will last far beyond death. Tommy was courageous, he fought a good "fight of faith." He loved God, Alicia and his church. Tommy, you created precious memories that will always be in my heart. The day you left this life a part of me died with you. Rest well my friend, life well lived. -- ***Wardell Chisholm***
- I will always remember Tommy for being helpful in so many ways to so many people. I learned a lot about Columbus Black history from his Mt Vernon Avenue and vicinity stories. He was always smiles and cheerful and gave us many laughs over the years. Praying peace, comfort and strength to Alicia and family. ***Catherine and Billy Cain***
- I met Tommy Campbell in the early 1980s when he was still managing Lee's Style Shop on Mt. Vernon Ave. I would buy nice shirts and things, but it was mainly a history lesson that I went to from Mr. Cempbell who had grown up in East Columbus and would share it with me an others. -- ***Arnett Howard***

In Memoriam

# Douglas P. Ritchey dies at 75

Doug was co-owner of Graceland Coins and the Graceland Bowling Alley in the early 1970s. Later he had his own coin/jewelry/antique store in the Short North.

Douglas Park Ritchey passed away Feb. 17 at age 75. He is survived by his daughters Michelle (Ian McCullough), Barbara, and Samantha Beck. His brother Stan, good friend Judith Ritchey, and 11 grandchildren who affectionately called him FeFi. He is preceded in death by his parents Eugene and Ester, and brother Jerry. Doug will be remembered fondly by both family and friends as a Renaissance Man. He had a variety of careers from milk inspector to jewelry maker, bowling alley owner to coin dealer. He was active with the Doo Dah Parade as Doug the Last, Emperor of the Short North. He served in the Army doing a tour in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

In 1983, I wrote about Doug's service as a currency exchange officer in Vietnam. - **Gerry**

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# MPC backed by bullets in Vietnam

**By George Stebinksy**
*For The Dispatch*

Dodging bullets, both enemy and friendly, currency exchange officers risked their lives trading new money for old in Vietnam.

To stop black market trafficking and protect native economies from inflation, soldiers and sailors assigned overseas were paid in odd money, called Military Payment Certificates or MPC, instead of regular United States currency.

The certificates, which were used from 1946 to 1973, were periodically recalled without notice and demonetized.

Doug Ritchey, owner of Doug's Coin Shop, 716 N. High St., a first lieutenant assigned to the Military Assistance Command near Hue then, remembers the currency exchange day of Oct. 7, 1970, very well.

**AS ADVISER WITH** the 1st Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN, Richey was called in

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from the jungle early in the morning and told to report to the command's finance department in Phu Bai, six miles south of Hue.

There he was named currency exchange officer, given a stack of blank receipts and told to collect Series 681 notes, then being recalled, from 16 outlying units.

In a deadly pattern repeated over and over that day, he rode a helicopter into each unit's landing zone, jumped out while the machine hovered five to six feet off the ground, rolled into the bush and watched as the plane shot up to 6,000 feet — out of range of enemy fire — to wait for him.

In the jungles, soldiers gave him their old money in exchange for receipts. "You stay very low," Richey said. "You transact business in a low position."

**WHILE THE** money was supposed to be used only by United States soldiers, it eventually made its way into the local economy.

Richey said one Vietnamese lieutenant colonel amassed $20,000 in Series 681 notes. On conversion day, he went to Ritchey to arrange an illegal transfer of old money for new.

Ritchey said the officer initially wanted $15,000 for the lot, but quicky dropped his price to 5 cents on the dollar. Ritchey said he resisted the offer because accepting could have meant jail and because the Vietnamese officer was a swine to his troops.

Back in Phu Bai that night, Ritchey exchanged $268,000 in old money for new Series 692 notes. He and two other officers, carrying about $750,000 among them, drove back to Hue in the dark.

Ritchey said enemy and friendly soldiers knew that large amounts of money were transported between the two places. He said he heard the "cracks" of rifles and the "thugs" of bullets flying overhead.

"The word (about the money) gets out," Ritchey said. "It's like the old West."

**THE NEXT** morning, he reversed the process, trading his new money for the soldiers' receipts.

Some of the bills Ritchey was handing out by the thousands are fairly valuable now. The $20 Series 692 note catalogs for $600 in new condition.

Ritchey, who collects Military Payment Certificates, says he can't afford to buy some of the notes he passed out so freely in 1970.

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| 1 | | **March 2021 CONA Auction List** | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | |
| 3 | **#** | **Description** | **Qty.** | **Grade** | **Min. Bid** | **Sell Price** |
| 4 | | **Ste[redacted]** | | | | |
| 5 | 1 | 1858 flying eagles cents sm. & lg. letters | 2 | F/G | $30.00 | |
| 6 | 2 | 1850 large cent | 1 | VF | $25.00 | |
| 7 | 3 | 1831 dime | 1 | VG | $35.00 | |
| 8 | 4 | 1905S dime | 1 | VF | $14.00 | |
| 9 | 5 | 1856 seated Half dollar | 1 | XF | $120.00 | |
| 10 | 6 | 1943 Walking Liberty half dollar | 1 | BU | $25.00 | |
| 11 | 7 | american trial lawyers bronze medal- silver dollar size | 1 | new | $5.00 | |
| 12 | 8 | Hall of Fame for Great Americans medal high relief bronze Abe Lincoln | 1 | new | $15.00 | |
| 13 | 9 | Hall of Fame for Great Americans medal high relief bronze Mark Twain | 1 | new | $15.00 | |
| 14 | 10 | 4 German 50 mark notes Berlin August 5,1914 | 3 | CIRC | $8.00 | |
| 15 | 11 | 1950D Lincoln Cent BU roll | 1 roll | BU | $36.00 | |
| 16 | 12 | 1956D Lincoln cent BU roll | 1 roll | BU | $11.00 | |
| 17 | 13 | 2 large date 1960 Lincoln Cent rolls | 2 rolls | BU | $2.00 | |
| 18 | 14 | 1 2000D BU Jefferson nickel roll | 1 roll | BU | $4.00 | |
| 19 | 15 | 1 2011P BU roll Jefferson Nickels | 1 roll | BU | $3.00 | |
| 20 | | **Tony C[redacted]** | | | | |
| 21 | 16 | Large Cent 1848 | 1 | G | $ 1.50 | |
| 22 | 17 | Indian Cent 1865 | 1 | G | $ 1.50 | |
| 23 | 18 | Lincoln 1943 Copper Plated | 1 | AU-UNC | $ 1.50 | |
| 24 | 19 | Buffalo Nickel 1935 ERROR Clip | 1 | VF | $ 1.50 | |
| 25 | 20 | Bank of Israel P.26 1955 5 Lirot | 1 | VF | $ 1.50 | |
| 26 | 21 | Pontiac Product of GM, Chief of the 60's token | 1 | AU-UNC | $ 1.50 | |
| 27 | 22 | Union Pacific 1934 Chicago Fail token | 1 | AU-UNC | $ 1.50 | |
| 28 | 23 | Presidential Medals | 4 | AU-UNC | $ 1.50 | |
| 29 | 24 | Peru 1941 P.67A 10 Diez | 1 | VG | $ 1.50 | |
| 30 | 25 | Canada 5 Cents SILVER 1907 | 1 | VF | $ 1.50 | |
| 31 | 26 | Hawaii Commem Dollar & Half Dollar | 2 | UNC | $ 1.50 | |
| 32 | 27 | Davy Crocket The Alamo San Antonio, Texas medal | 1 | NEW | $ 1.50 | |
| 33 | 28 | Canada 1 Cent 1929, 5 Cents 1945 | 2 | AU, UNC | $ 1.50 | |
| 34 | 29 | ERRORs Jefferson 1943-D Lamination & 1940-D/D | 2 | CH UNC | $ 1.50 | |
| 35 | 30 | PCGS Box, Coin Folders, Currency, Supplies, etc | Many | USED-NEW | $ 1.50 | |
| 36 | | **Gary [redacted]** | | | | |
| 37 | 31 | 1944 Philippines "guerilla money" 1 Peso note | 1 | Circ | $2.00 | |
| 38 | 32 | 1944 Series D Philippines "guerilla money" 2 Peso note | 1 | Circ | $2.00 | |
| 39 | 33 | 1930 Cape Verde 20 Centavos KM 3 Portugese Colony | 1 | Circ | OPEN | |
| 40 | 34 | 1915 Great Britian Penny KM 810 | 1 | VF | $2.00 | |
| 41 | 35 | 1918 Great Britain Farthing KM 808.1 | 1 | VF-35 | $3.00 | |
| 42 | 36 | 1874 Belgium 2 Centimes KM 35.1 | 1 | VF | OPEN | |
| 43 | 37 | 1942 Finland 10 Pennia KM 33.1 3 year type | 1 | Circ | OPEN | |
| 44 | 38 | 1907 Denmark Ore KM 804 4 year type | 1 | VF | OPEN | |
| 45 | 39 | 1860-A Austria Kreuzer KM 2186 | 1 | Circ | OPEN | |
| 46 | 40 | 1912-H Great Britain Penny KM 810 | 1 | F | $1.50 | |
| 47 | 41 | 1901 Netherlands Cent KM 130 1 year type | 1 | Circ | OPEN | |
| 48 | 42 | 1974 Falkland Islands 10 Pence KM 5.1 | 1 | EF | OPEN | |
| 49 | 43 | 1886 Mexico Centavo KM 391.6 | 1 | Circ | OPEN | |
| 50 | 44 | 1942 Iceland 5 Aurar KM 7.2 2 Year type | 2 | VF | OPEN | |
| 51 | 45 | 1874-H Great Britain Farthing KM 753 | 1 | Circ | OPEN | |
| 52 | | **Diane [redacted]** | | | | |
| 53 | 46 | Wright Bros. medal by Maco High Relief | 1 | | $2.00 | |
| 54 | 47 | 1976 Christian Church token | 1 | NEW | OPEN | |
| 55 | 48 | "This is My Lucky Day" token | 1 | NEW | OPEN | |
| 56 | 49 | Baseball token | 1 | | OPEN | |
| 57 | 50 | Gerald Ford Sterling Franklin Mint token | 1 | NEW | $1.50 | |
| 58 | 51 | Jummy Carter Sterling Franklin Mint token | 1 | NEW | $1.50 | |
| 59 | 52 | F.O.E. 297 Columbus OH "good For 5 Cents" | 1 | circ | OPEN | |
| 60 | 53 | 1931 McCormick Reaper, Chicago, IL token HK460 | 1 | NEW | $2.00 | |
| 61 | 54 | Spokane Chanber of Commerce Token | 1 | NEW | OPEN | |
| 62 | 55 | 1933 Chicago Worlds Fair tken | 1 | circ | $2.00 | |
| 63 | 56 | Hosmer Supply Co square token | 1 | | $2.00 | |
| 64 | 57 | William Penn high relief token, Medallic Art Co | 1 | New | OPEN | |
| 65 | 58 | 2009 Notre Dame Paris token | 1 | BU | $2.00 | |
| 66 | 59 | Walt Disney World token | 1 | New | $2.00 | |
| 67 | 60 | 1969 Burger Chef 1000th store 'good for 5 cents' token | 1 | New | OPEN | |